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## HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FAMILIES, CHILDREN, AND SENIORS

Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015

9:00 a.m.

Room 327 House Office Building

Representative Hooker, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Chair Hooker requested attendance be called to establish a quorum of the appointed committee members:

Present: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel, Hovey-Wright, Talabi, and Liberati,

Absent: None,

Excused: None.

Representative Forlini moved to approve the minutes from the February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting.

There being no objection, the motion was approved by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4188, HB 4189, and HB 4190 before the committee.

HB 4188 (LaFontaine) Children; adoption; objection to placements by child placing agency based on religious or moral convictions; allow.

HB 4189 (Santana) Children; adoption; objection to placements by child placing agency based on religious or moral convictions; allow.

HB 4190 (Leutheuser) Children; adoption; licensure of child placing agency that objects to placements on religious or moral grounds; allow.

The following people submitted testimony cards in opposition to the bills but did not wish to speak:

Rio Vale, Children's Law Section of the State Bar.

Allan Wachendorfer, National Association of Social Workers – Michigan.

Amanda West, Planned Parenthood.

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendments to HB 4188:

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after "(1)" by striking out "TO" and inserting "**EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (2), TO**".

2. Amend page 1, following line 7, by inserting:

**"(2) A CHILD PLACING AGENCY SHALL NOT DECLINE TO PROVIDE SERVICES AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (1) IF DECLINING TO PROVIDE THOSE SERVICES WOULD NOT BE IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD."**

and renumbering the remaining subsections.

3. Amend page 2, line 7, after "AGENCY" by inserting a comma and **"EXCEPT IF DECLINING THE REFERRAL IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD"**.

4. Amend page 3, line 22, after "(1)" by inserting a comma and **"EXCEPT IF DECLINING THE REFERRAL IS NOT IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD"**.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4188.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None.

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendment to HB 4188:

1. Amend page 1, line 5, after "A" by inserting **"PUBLICLY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST"**.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4188.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None.

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendment to HB 4188.

1. Amend page 4, following line 23, by inserting:

**"(a) House Bill No. 4133."** and relettering the remaining subdivisions.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4188.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None.

Representative Talabi offered the following amendment to HB 4188.

1. Amend page 2, following line 21, by inserting:

**"(6) A CHILD PLACING AGENCY SHALL DISPLAY ON ITS WEBSITE IN AN AREA ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC AND PROMINENTLY IN EACH OF THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY'S OFFICES, THE CIRCUMSTANCES UNDER WHICH THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY WOULD DECLINE TO PROVIDE ANY SERVICE AS PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (1)." and renumbering the remaining subsection.**

Representative Talabi moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4188.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None.

Representative Liberati offered the following amendment to HB 4188.

1. Amend page 2, following line 21, by inserting:

**"(6) A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT DECLINES TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MUST COMPLY WITH THE ELLIOTT-LARSEN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101 TO 37.2804." and renumbering the remaining subsection.**

Representative Liberati moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4188.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None.

Representative Liberati offered the following amendment to HB 4188.

1. Amend page 2, following line 21, by inserting:

**"(6) A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT DECLINES TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MUST COMPLY WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, PUBLIC LAW 88-352." and renumbering the remaining subsection.**

Representative Liberati moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4188.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,  
Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,  
Pass: None.

Representative Vaupel moved to report with recommendation HB 4188.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 5-3-0

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,  
Nays: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,  
Pass: None.

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendment to HB 4189.

1. Amend page 1, line 7, after “A” by inserting “**PUBLICLY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**”.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4189.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,  
Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,  
Pass: None.

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendments to HB 4189.

1. Amend page 1, line 2, after “**23G.**” by inserting “**(1)**”.
2. Amend page 2, following line 7, by inserting:  
“**(2) SUBSECTION (1) DOES NOT APPLY IF BY DECLINING TO PROVIDE ADOPTION SERVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (1) THE CHILD PLACING AGENCY IS NOT ACTING IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD.**”.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4189.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,  
Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,  
Pass: None.

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendment to HB 4189.

1. Amend page 2, following line 15, by inserting:  
"(a) House Bill No. 4133." and relettering the remaining subdivisions.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4189.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,  
Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,  
Pass: None.

Representative Liberati offered the following amendments to HB 4189.

1. Amend page 1, line 2, after "**23G.**" by inserting "**(1)**".
2. Amend page 2, following line 7, by inserting:  
**"(2) A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT DECLINES TO PROVIDE ADOPTION SERVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MUST COMPLY WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, PUBLIC LAW 88-352."**

Representative Liberati moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4189.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,  
Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,  
Pass: None.

Representative Liberati offered the following amendments to HB 4189.

1. Amend page 1, line 2, after "**23G.**" by inserting "**(1)**".
2. Amend page 2, following line 7, by inserting:  
**"(2) A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT DECLINES TO PROVIDE ADOPTION SERVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MUST COMPLY WITH THE ELLIOTT-LARSEN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101 TO 37.2804."**

Representative Liberati moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4189.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,  
Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,  
Pass: None.

Representative Runestad moved to report with recommendation HB 4189.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 5-3-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel

Nays: Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Pass: None.

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendment to HB 4190.

1. Amend page 1, line 8, after "A" by inserting "**PUBLICLY AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST**".

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4190.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None.

Representative Liberati offered the following amendments to HB 4190.

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after "5A." by inserting "(1)".
2. Amend page 1, following line 10, by inserting:  
"**(2) A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT DECLINES TO PROVIDE SERVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MUST COMPLY WITH THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964, PUBLIC LAW 88-352.**".

Representative Liberati moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4190.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None.

Representative Liberati offered the following amendments to HB 4190.

1. Amend page 1, line 1, after "5A." by inserting "(1)".
2. Amend page 1, following line 10, by inserting:  
"**(2) A CHILD PLACING AGENCY THAT DECLINES TO PROVIDE SERVICES**

**UNDER SUBSECTION (1) MUST COMPLY WITH THE ELLIOTT-LARSEN CIVIL RIGHTS ACT, 1976 PA 453, MCL 37.2101 TO 37.2804."**

Representative Liberati moved to adopt the amendments to HB 4190.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None.

Representative Hovey-Wright offered the following amendment to HB 4190.

1. Amend page 2, following line 7, by inserting:  
"(a) House Bill No. 4133." and relettering the remaining subdivisions.

Representative Hovey-Wright moved to adopt the amendment to HB 4190.

The motion failed by a vote of 3-5-0.

**UNFAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Nays: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Pass: None

Representative Crawford moved to report with recommendation HB 4190.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 5-3-0

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

Yeas: Reps. Hooker, Runestad, Forlini, Crawford, Vaupel,

Nays: Hovey-Wright, Talabi, Liberati,

Pass: None.

The Chair invited Lindsay Brieschke, Jennifer Moward, and Jennifer Lepard to speak to the committee regarding an overview of the Alzheimer's Association of Michigan. Questions and discussion followed.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting the time being 10:02 a.m.

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Representative Hooker, Chair

Matthew Carnagie  
Committee Clerk

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015  
62 minutes

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Date Approved and Signed